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Prior to examination of the above-identified new national phase patent application, please amend the application, as follows:

In the Specification

On page one (1) of the specification please delete "Process for producing formed cellulosic articles"

In the Claims

Amend claims 1-11, as follows:

1. A process [Process] for producing formed cellulosic articles, particularly fibres and filaments, comprising:

a) dissolving cellulose in an aqueous solution of [a tertiary amine oxide, especially] N-methylmorpholine N-oxide, and

b) extruding the cellulose solution through an extrusion die via an air gap into a precipitation bath with precipitation of the formed articles, said cellulose solution and/or said precipitation bath containing a tenside,

characterized in that in the step b) the tenside content c of the cellulose solution and/or of the precipitation bath is in the range 100 ppm> c ≥ 5 ppm, and the width of the air gap is in the range from 2 to 20 mm.

2. The process [Process] according to claim 1 [characterized in that] wherein the tenside content c is in the range from 8 to 70 ppm.

3. The process [Process] according to claim 1 [or 2 characterized in that] wherein the tenside content c in the cellulose solution is in the range 70 ppm > c ≥ 30 ppm.

4. The process [Process] according to claim 1 wherein [any of the claims 1 to 3 characterized in that] the width of the air gap is in the range from 2 to 8 mm.

5. The process [Process] according to claim 1 wherein [any of the claims 1 to 4 characterized in that] the distance of the solution jets from each other at the exit of the extrusion die is in the range from 0.22 to 0.7 mm.

6. The process [Process] according to claim 1 wherein [any of the claims 1 to 5 characterized in that] the tenside is added to the cellulose at a time selected from the group consisting of before the stage a), [to the cellulose or] in the stage a), and [or] between the stages a) and b).

7. The process [Process] according to claim 1 wherein [any of the claims 1 to 5 characterized in that] the tenside is added to the cellulose at a time selected from the group consisting of in stage b), and [or] after the stage b).

8. The process [Process] according to claim 1 wherein [any of the claims 1 to 7 characterized in that] a non-ionogenic tenside is used.

9. The process [Process] according to claim 1 wherein [any of the claims 1 to 8 characterized in that] the precipitation bath from the stage b) is regenerated to a purified aqueous amine oxide which is reused in the stage a).

10. The process [Process] according to claim 9 wherein [characterized in that] the tenside is separated from the amine oxide solution in the course of the regeneration of the precipitation bath, and is reused in the stage b).

11. The process [Process] according to claim 1 wherein [any of the claims 1 to 10 characterized in that] the cellulose solution is extruded through a die having a hole density in the range from 1.8 to 20 mm^{-2}.

Please add the following claims 12-18:

12. A process for producing formed cellulosic articles, particularly fibres and filaments, comprising:

a) dissolving cellulose in an aqueous solution of a tertiary amine oxide, and

b) extruding the cellulose solution through an extrusion die via an air gap into a precipitation bath with precipitation of the formed articles, said cellulose solution containing a tenside in a range from about 10 ppm to about 50 ppm.

13. The process according to claim 12 further comprising a tenside in the precipitation bath.

14. The process according to claim 12 wherein the width of the air gap is in the range from 2 to 20 mm.

15. The process according to claim 12 wherein the tertiary amine oxide is N-methylmorpholine N-oxide

16. A process for producing formed cellulosic articles, particularly fibres and filaments, comprising:

a) dissolving cellulose in an aqueous solution of a tertiary amine oxide, and

b) extruding the cellulose solution through an extrusion die via an air gap into a precipitation bath with precipitation of the formed articles, said precipitation bath containing a tenside,